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Honorable Samuel L. Devine
Member, House of Representatives
Post Office Building
Columbus 15, Ohio

Dear Congressman:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter of July 21, 1964, addressed to the Chief Justice.

The various members of the Commission staff were chosen by the Commission upon my recommendation. The selection was based primarily on academic and professional qualifications, although an effort was also made to select members from different geographical sections of the United States. Professor Redlich was one of the staff members hired in this fashion.

As you know, security requirements for federal employees are governed by President Eisenhower's Executive Order No. 10450, which provides that "The appointment of each civilian officer or employee in any department or agency of the Government shall be made subject to investigation." Such an investigation was made in the case of Mr. Redlich by the Civil Service Commission and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the facts developed were evaluated by the members of the Commission--Earl Warren, Chairman, Chief Justice of the United States; Richard B. Russell, John Sherman Cooper, Hale Boggs, and Gerald R. Ford, leading Democratic and Republican members of the United States Congress; John J. McCloy, former High Commissioner of Germany; and Allen W. Dulles, former head of the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

On May 19, 1964, at a meeting attended by all the Commissioners, the Commission unanimously cleared all the members of its staff to handle classified information. The members of the staff who were cleared included Mr. Redlich.

I hope that this information will assist you in responding to the inquiries which you have received.

Sincerely,

cc: Mr. Rankin
Mr. Willens

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel